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# Speak Out In Sacramento By Ed Kelley

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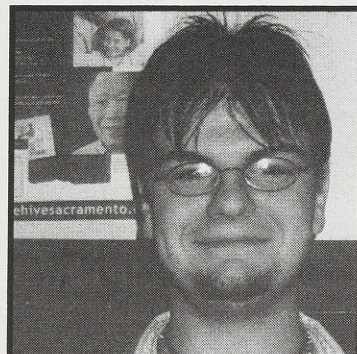
**Karin Mansfield - West**



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I believe too many billions of dollars are being sent/spent overseas. We can't even take care of our own people here in America. Social Security may not be there when I need it even though I have been paying into it all these years!

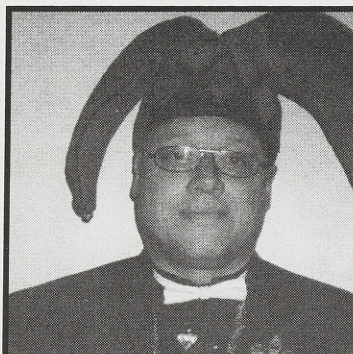
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I think the views President Bush has on anything to do with gay rights tramples on the rights of all Americans! Bush is more vocal on the negativity of gay marriage then he is on supporting gay rights.

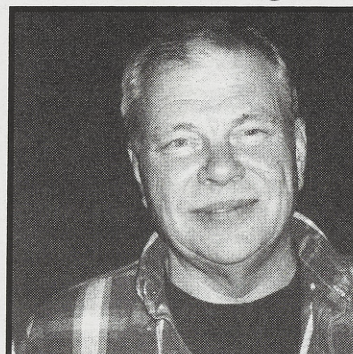
**C.J.**



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I thought the speech was very good. The reforms he wants for AIDS research for African Americans and more awareness in general regarding AIDS has my support.

**Victor Vosburgh**



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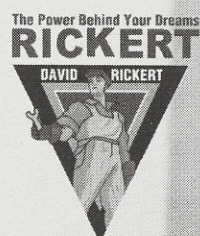
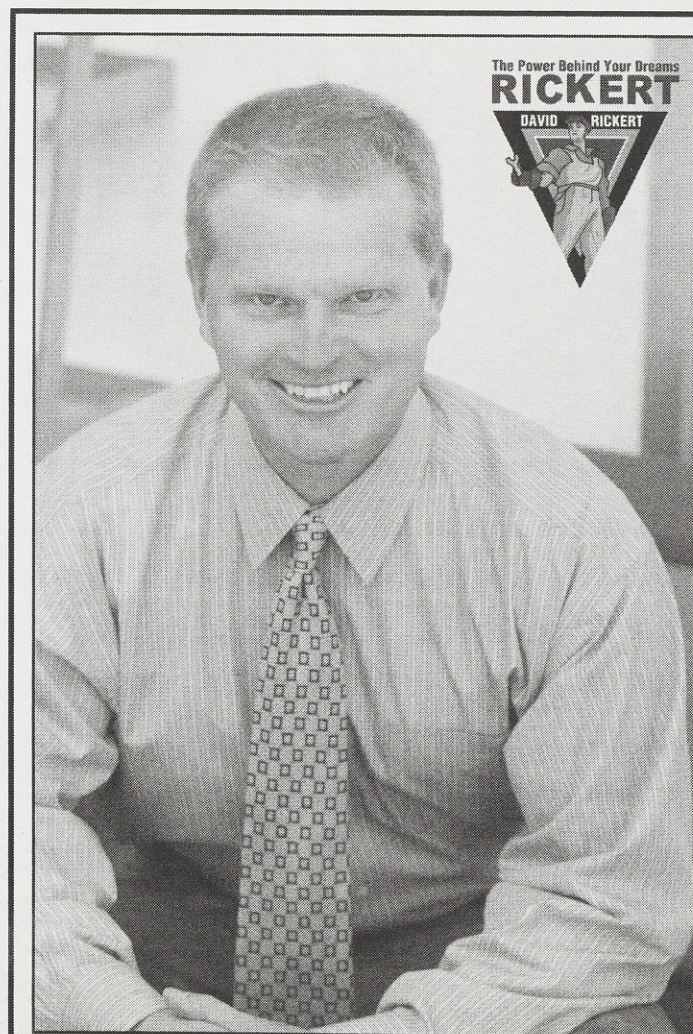
With all the world's issues, I believe we should support President Bush. The Iraqi woman hugging the fallen soldiers friend really hit home. I believe we need to fully support anyone protecting the United States.

**Amanda Rox**



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## I Will Miss You!

It is ironic that February is a month in which we celebrate love and yet for me it is a month of great loss. Nearly a decade ago I lost the only son I was blessed to have, and nine years to the day I lost someone more dear to me than I can describe. So in the spirit of love and life I write this piece. I write today not as a Publisher, or a journalist, but as a young man who has a need to share with his friends, family and community the sadness that is in my heart. On Thursday February 10<sup>th</sup> Barbara Jean Walker of Redding, California passed away. I can simply say I lost a best friend, a mentor, and a hero. I lost my grandmother. For more than 20 years she dedicated her life to taking care of children who were abused, neglected or needed guidance. A foster parent, a mother, a grandmother, a daycare provider and a woman who believed that her gay grandson deserved to live freely and equally.

Through the years she helped me to understand that I could

accomplish many things, and that I should never allow anyone to treat me poorly because of my sexual preference. To all my friends both gay and straight, she was not Barbara, she was just grandma. As I look back there were more moments then I can remember where I needed that assurance, the times that I felt I would never make it through life as a gay man in such a hateful world. She showed me that I could make a difference in that world, and for that I am forever grateful. I am honored to have someone so special in my life and would like to take the time to thank her.

From my first memory you were there, you wiped away my tears, you held me close in your arms. I will never forget all the nights we spent just talking, laughing and playing uno until the crack of dawn. You showed me many things through the years, but most importantly you showed me how to love myself, to be tolerant of others and to never let anyone make me feel

bad for being who I am. Though you have left this earth you will always be with me. I was honored to be by your side when you left us, the way you were always by my side when I was scared or frightened. Though I will not deny the sadness that overwhelmed me that morning, I knew you were moving on to help guide and nurture others while you watch over us. I want you to know that I love you with all my heart. My promise to you is to continue on with my fight to accept my life, and to help others in any way I can. Just know that with each tear I shed out of sorrow, there will be a thousand smiles in memory of all the wonderful years we had. You built a family to be proud of, with a bond like no other family I know, and while we will miss you dearly we know that you are still here guiding us. As one of your dear friends said, you are now walking with angels. You will always be my angel grandma. I love you and you will live forever in my heart! ▼



**Barbara Jean Walker**  
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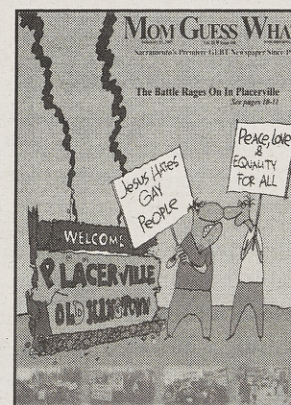
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# Community Forum

## Restore The Lambda Freedom Fair

Dear Editor,

We, the undersigned four ex-presidents of the Lambda Community Fund, were appalled to learn the present Lambda Community Fund Board of Directors has trashed some very wonderful Sacramento history and history of the GLBT movement by changing the name of the Lambda Freedom Fair, which was established in 1984, to the meaningless name of Sacramento Pride.

The Lambda Freedom Fair has been successful from its first fair in 1984 to the 2004 Fair, which attracted many thousands of attendees and raised a record amount of money to support the Lambda Community Center, which the original fair monies created. What does Sacramento Pride mean? Is it a celebration to

tell people we are proud of Sacramento?

This action makes no sense. The Lambda Community Fund should sponsor an event that bears its name, as this is the very reason the Fund is in existence. The board claims it took an informal survey but can't say when the survey was done nor how many people were surveyed only that everyone they asked liked the name Sacramento Pride.

The present board claims it is too much trouble to explain to people what the Lambda Freedom Fair means or stands for. What rubbish! What a shrinking of responsibility and opportunity to explain our history and the meaning of our symbols. The lambda is the lower case L in the Greek alphabet, and was the first symbol adopted by the modern GLBT movement

immediately after the Stonewall Riots. L is for Liberation.

At a Lambda board meeting held on January 26, 2005, a board member contended the word Freedom harkened to the old civil rights movement. Since when is our civil rights movement old? It seems to me that our battle for equality has been ongoing. The GLBT movement has not achieved freedom or anything close to it. We are under attack in almost every state in the Union. We have a President who has said he wants to amend the Constitution to ban same sex marriage. Seventeen states now have amended their Constitutions to ban same sex marriage and a number of those also ban domestic partnerships. Several states are moving to ban adoption of children

by any non-heterosexual or single person.

The new Secretary of Education trashed the Public Broadcasting System for sponsoring a program, which featured some lesbian characters in the program and demanded the producers return a grant given to them by the Federal Government.

James Dobson has denounced the creators of Spongebob cartoon character for promotion homosexuality.

Take a look at the words. Freedom denotes militancy and activism, pride denotes complacency and accomplishment. The forces of the Radical Right Religious Right are trying to roll back every advancement we have made since Stonewall. Now is the time for us to continue to actively proclaim freedom and equality. It is time for

us to treasure our history and traditions. It is time for militancy not complacency.

We, four ex-presidents, urge the Lambda Board to honor our history. Do not demean the work of countless GLBT people who have dedicated their lives to civil rights and social justice not only for our community but for everyone.

We urge the Sacramento GLBT communities to contact the Lambda Board to restore the Lambda Freedom Fair! ▼

**Jerry Sloan,**  
*Co-Founder,*  
*President Emeritus*  
**Marghe Covino,**  
*President Emeritus*  
**Bates Botting,**  
*Ex-President*  
**Gayiel Von,**  
*Ex President*

## Pride Is Not A Meaningless Word

Dear Editor,

In a recent letter to the Editor, Jerry Sloan, Lambda's revered co-founder, and three other revered past presidents of the Lambda Community Fund declared their opposition to changing the name of the Lambda Freedom Fair to Sacramento Pride. Lambda's current board of directors respectfully disagrees.

The bottom line is that after 20 years of having Lambda Freedom Fairs in Sacramento, we still had to explain to most people what the name meant. In the year that I have been president of the Board, I would say that in 90% of the conversations I have had concerning the Freedom Fair, I had to explain to the other person that the Lambda Freedom Fair was

Sacramento's Lesbian and Gay Pride celebration. The typical reply was, "Why don't you just call it that?"

If you go into Faces or any other LGBT bar on a Friday night and ask 100 random patrons what Lambda Freedom Fair meant, I doubt you'd get too many correct answers. On the other hand, you could go into any LGBT establishment anywhere in the United States, including Wyoming, Florida, Texas, and Alabama and ask 100 random patrons what Sacramento Pride meant and the most likely reply would be that it must refer to Sacramento's Lesbian and Gay Pride celebration.

Pride is not a meaningless word. Too many people have fought too hard, including Jerry and the other past presidents, and some have

died in the courageous effort to instill pride in the LGBTI community. Don't forget, our detractors want the world to view us as shameful. Our best and most effective response is pride in ourselves and our institutions!

Because America re-elected a homophobic president, because of the many threats being made to the LGBTI community and because of the many attempts to roll back our rights, this is not the time to return to the era of when the LGBTI community needed code words to hide our activities from the public.

Today is a new era! Thanks to the very hard work and dedication of those who preceded us in the fight for LGBTI equality, our pride celebrations no longer have to "be in the closet." Changing the name does not "demean"

the work of all those who dedicated their lives to civil rights and social justice, it should be viewed as one of its crowning achievements. As a community, our biggest celebration is finally "OUT!"

Proof of this has been the wonderful and strong backing we have received from the community since the new name was announced. Just one example is the Rainbow Chamber of Commerce's near standing ovation when told of the name change at their January meeting.

The Lambda Community Fund wants Sacramento Pride to be a celebration of our history. Again this year, we plan to make our history an important part of this year's event. We are also working on bringing back a Pride Parade to Sacramento!

This year's event is being

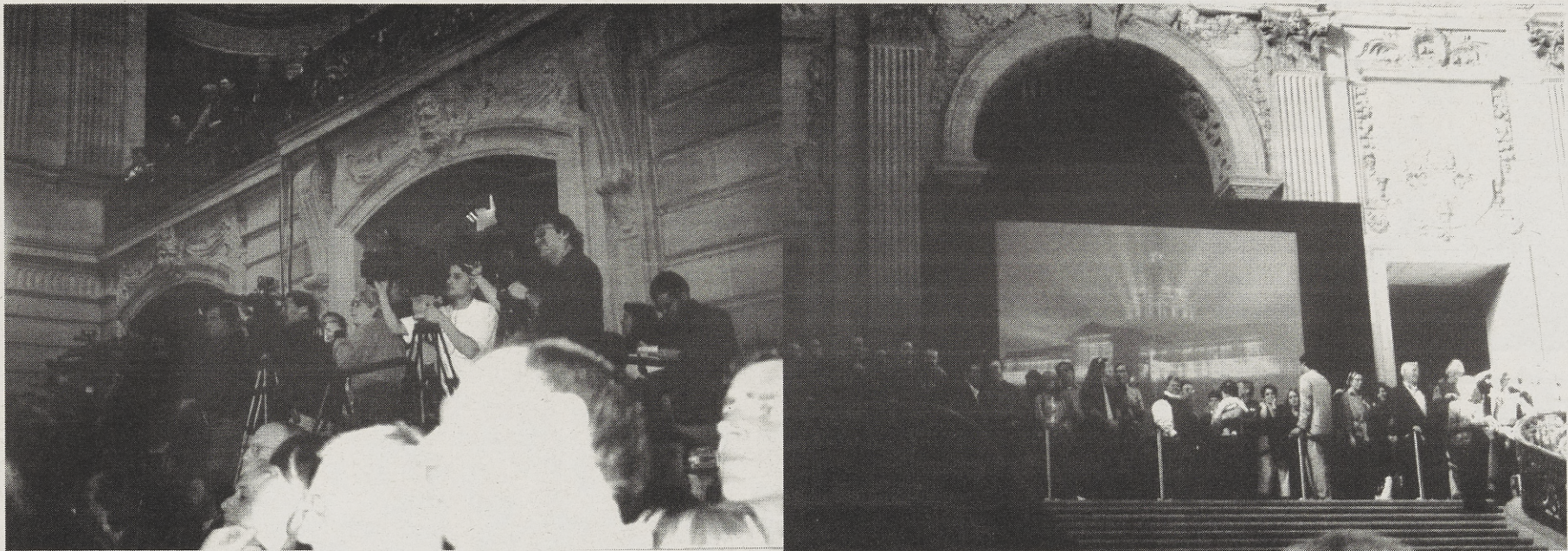
planned now. I ask everyone who would like to help make it the biggest and best ever to attend the next Pride Committee meeting on February 26, 2005 at the Lambda Community Center, 1927 L Street at 1:00 p.m. Help us reach out to each and every segment of our wonderfully wide-ranging community.

Last year I met people who had moved to Sacramento before our June pride event but who did not attend because they did not know what it was. I doubt that will happen this year.

Respectfully yours,

**Bill Snyder**  
*President*  
**Lambda Community Fund**





By the time the official celebration began, 90 minutes after the doors opened at 9 AM, an estimated 1500 couples with hundreds of children and newborns in tow had packed the floor and balconies of San Francisco's three-story City Hall

## San Francisco Celebrates Same-Sex Marriage Anniversary

By Jason Victor Serinus

One year to the day after the City and County of San Francisco issued its first marriage licenses to same-sex couples, **Mayor Gavin Newsom**, 37, invited all couples married in City Hall to return on February 12 "to honor our shared commitment to securing equality for all Americans." By the time the official celebration began, 90 minutes after the doors opened at 9 AM, an estimated 1500 couples with hundreds of children and newborns in tow had packed the floor and balconies of San Francisco's three-story City Hall.

The festivities began with **Katie Kendall** inviting everyone "to mark the anniversary of the day we changed the world." After a short preview of a forthcoming film on same-sex marriage, projected on a screen atop the imposing central stairway on which many couples took their vows, she introduced "the women without whom none of this would be possible," lesbian rights pioneers **Del Martin** and **Phyllis Lyon**. Founders of the Daughters of Bilitis, a pre-Stonewall lesbian rights organization, Martin and Lyon were the first same-sex couple married in San Francisco City Hall.

When Newsom advanced to the bottom of the stairway, he was greeted by an ovation so loud and extended that he literally found himself speechless. Reclaiming himself, he

immediately declared, "Nothing the President can say will ever take this away!"

Newsom went on to cite telling examples of discrimination in American history. In 1952, it was illegal for Asian and Caucasians to wed in 16 states. Some years later, the first African-American who married a Caucasian was sentenced to a year in jail. When in 1967, a judge declared "Almighty God put the different races on different continents for a reason," 70% of Americans registered their assent. "Think how far we have come," Newsom declared.

He then issued a challenge to his fellow politicians. "I think it is time to hold our elected officials accountable. It is no longer acceptable for politicians to come to you every election cycle to ask for money and then say, 'It's too much, too soon'... 'Separate is not equal. Don't let them get away with it... It's only good enough to be treated with the dignity and respect every American deserves.'"

Standing tall, looking like a cross between a fashion model and a star athlete, Newsom said: "Don't believe these people who talk about tradition. It was tradition when women were not allowed to vote in elections... Tradition upheld that African-Americans were not full citizens. In 1986 the Supreme Court declared that homosexuality should be illegal because it

was tradition. Tradition does not make something right. It's changing and you're on the front lines."

Newsom proclaimed that he had never felt more resolve, more passion, and a greater sense of commitment than when it came to finishing the work he had begun by issuing same-sex marriage licenses.

"I'm so proud that all of you had the courage to stand up a year ago and say 'I do.'"

"Don't feel discouraged. Don't give up the fight. Don't listen to the President of the United States."

After leading the crowd in the near deafening chant, "Shame on You, George W. Bush," a defiant Mayor ended his remarks with the promise, "The best has yet to come."

Newsom's remarks may anticipate an expected ruling on two suits filed by the City of San Francisco and same-sex couples seeking to overturn California's prohibition of same-sex marriage. The ruling would potentially affect the California Supreme Court's decision of August 12, 2004, that voided all same-sex marriage licenses issued between February 12 and March 13, 2004. While legislators in California, Connecticut, Maine and Rhode Island are currently considering bills that would legalize same-sex marriage, 11 states recently passed legislation outlawing

such relationships, and 21 states will be voting on constitutional amendments that would ban same-sex marriage and/or civil unions.

Despite the uncertainty that grips the nation, every couple approached at City Hall expressed a desire to talk and be photographed.

After 9 years together, **Helen Hoag** and **Pam Coward** married in City Hall on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. They had previously married in a Quaker Church, whose spiritual services first brought them face-to-face.

"It meant everything to us," said Hoag. "It's sealed and recognized. Except that it's been de-recognized."

"Not by the people that count," added Coward.

**David Leafhopper** of Berkeley commented, "Tying the knot has meant having more security in the fabric of society, being more legitimized as a couple with rights and responsibilities to one another."

"It's the benefits, I want," chimed his partner **George Collins**. "There's essentially no difference between a Domestic Partnership and a marriage as far as the State of California is concerned. But Domestic Partnership isn't recognized on the federal level. We're aiming for federal recognition through marriage which will get us entry into the big ticket items such as social security, Medicare, and

federal and veteran employee benefits."

After waiting closes to five hours in line on February 14, only to have the City Hall doors shut right in front of them, **Heidi** and **Sutie Goen-Salter** returned the next day to tie the knot.

"The more we talked with other couples," said Heidi, "the more we realized how momentous this was. It shifted everything. There was something so powerful about being able to walk out of this building, hold up that piece of paper and be recognized as real, honest to God human beings."

"That's the part that surprised me the most," added Sutie. "We were already married in our own hearts. But I didn't know it would feel so precious to have state recognition for whom I am. I feel like a full citizen for the first time in my life."

"That feeling wasn't taken away when all our marriages were annulled. And it stirred up a sudden activism in us that surprised us. The pain we felt did not rise to the level of the joy we felt on the day we got married here."

**Candace Krueger** and **Leigh Hessel** echoed the women's activism. "We marched in last year's Pride Parade marriage contingent with 2000 other people. It was really empowering... The words we said at City Hall during our wedding ceremony were so meaningful. As long-term

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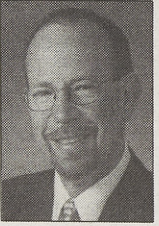
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# Celebrations



The Lambda Community Center was transformed into a Wedding Chapel in a matter of hours and the festivities were set to begin.

## Congratulations To Molly & Heather

**L**ambda Community Center (LCC) Women's group (W.O.W.) Facilitator **Molly Morin** married her longtime girlfriend **Heather Stigen** on Wednesday, February 9, 2005 at the LCC. Molly and Heather first met at the LCC more than a year ago back when they both were just participants of the very successful W.O.W. group. They flirted back and forth and then one day after the group ended they just connected.

Molly became the group facilitator of the W.O.W. group a few months later and continued to court Ms. Stigen very successfully. The duo moved in together and it cemented their relationship growing it into a deep intense love. Molly proposed to Heather and got the answer she was looking for with a resounding Yes!

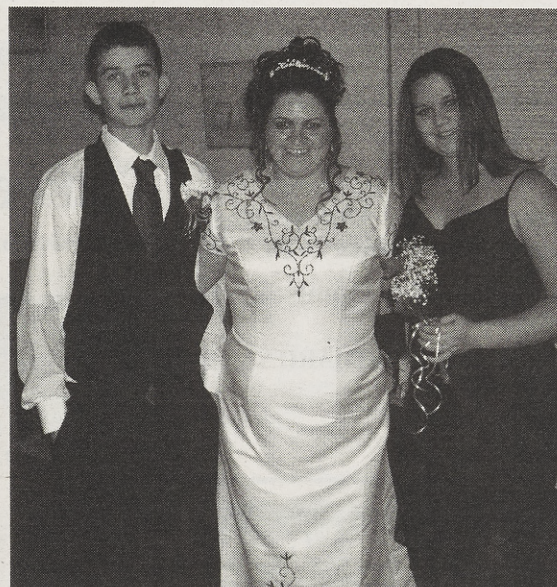
Both Molly and Heather decided that they wanted to be married at the place where they met and courted: the Lambda Community Center. The beautiful couple wanted everyone from the LCC, the community and of course the W.O.W. group to be in attendance at their special day.

The LCC was transformed into a Wedding Chapel in a matter of hours and the festivities were set to begin. LCC/WEAVE group facilitator **Kathy Robertson** was tapped to be the minister for the nuptials.

Molly had her brother Espana stand with her as her best man. Heather and Molly's friend Amanda was the ring bearer. Heather's daughter Ashley and friend Rosalie were her attendants. Heather was escorted down the aisle and given away to Molly by her young son Daniel.

Lambda Community Fund Board President **Bill Snyder**, LCC Facilitator **Rene Navarra**, and LCC Volunteer Coordinator **Jason R. Kirkland** were just a few of the 40+ people that came to bear witness the love that Molly and Heather pledged to one another.

The reception took place at the LCC immediately following the ceremony. The brides and guests then adjourned to FACES where they danced the night away. May Heather and Molly continue to have a wonderful life together and continue to share their happiness with everyone. ▼



Daniel, Molly and Ashley



Molly Morin and Heather Stigen



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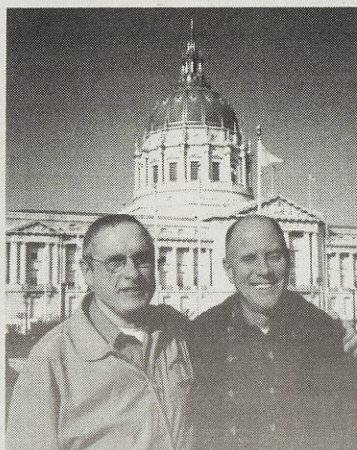


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## San Francisco Celebrates Same-Sex Marriage Anniversary

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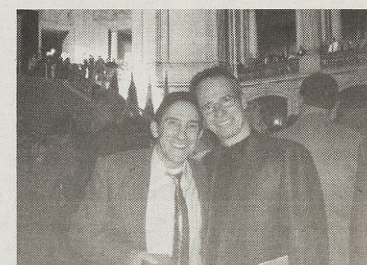
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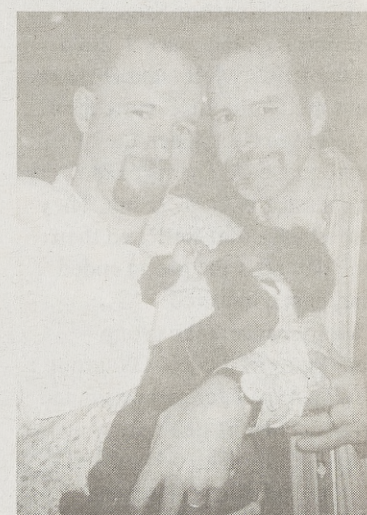
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lesbians, we had never thought that those special words would pertain to us as lesbians."

**Frank Sclafani and Donald Cremers** of San Francisco married on February 16. They had already lived in the house they bought together for almost 14 years, and registered as Domestic Partners in 2003.

"It was very special," said Frank. "It has solidified the relationship and feels like more of a commitment."

"It's such a mistake not to have same-sex marriage legal. Society as a whole is the winner."

Donald continued, "It has a sense of normalcy to it -- not that everything has to be normal -- to be inclusive with the rest of the world that has marriage as a commitment and as a right as a privilege."

"We were in Denmark when we learned that our marriages have been annulled. It felt so ironic. Denmark has sanctioned full, legal same-sex marriage since 1989."

"We need to celebrate people's committed relationships," added Frank. "It hurts to see people pass anti-marriage amendments state by state while people in Canada, Spain, and the European Union are moving in the opposite direction. Their societies aren't crumbling; instead, so many people's lives are the better for it."

**Kathy Devilda and Marybeth Height** (soon to be Marybeth Devilda) of Orinda, CA never thought they'd have the opportunity to marry in City Hall. Their February 16 hitch came over 5 years after their personal wedding in front of 125 family members and friends.

"The City Hall ceremony gave us the opportunity to reaffirm how we feel about each other in a public and political setting," said Kathy. "Our feelings are just as viable and meaningful as the love that anyone has for their partner and their spouse on a lifelong basis."

Marybeth acknowledged that she "felt lousy" and cried when the marriages were annulled. "After being out for 30 years, I wasn't totally surprised. While it was very depressing and sad, I didn't lose hope. I still feel that we're going forward and things will change."

"When they replace the Governor of Massachusetts, we'll go there to get married," affirmed Kathy. "Then we'll go to Canada to get married. We'll keep getting married until such a time that everybody recognizes it." ▼

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## Anti-Gay Groups Sending Messages Of Hate In Placerville

By Matt Huckabay

A few weeks ago, during one of their most recent demonstration, a student was physically assaulted by a demonstrator who was later arrested for physical assault.

I am sure there are many members of the greater Sacramento Gay and Lesbian community that are unaware of the escalation of hate speech and public gay bashing that has been happening over the last ten months in the historic foothill community of Placerville.

Hatred came out in a big way when a truck with a painted plywood sign standing in the bed parked along the entrance to Main Street. The sign said, "Jesus Hates Gay People". Shortly thereafter gay bashing ads paid for by GayMarriageNo.org (Dick Otterstad, representative) began appearing in the local paper, the Mountain Democrat. These ads contained bullet points stating among other things, if gay marriage becomes a reality; "our streets will be unsafe for our children."; "there will be more disease"; "a man would be able to marry a 12 year old boy".

A short time later the same small group began making appearances at local high schools and one elementary school, carrying signs and passing out literature referring to sodomy and references to the bible and its condemnation of gays. They also, according to some students were offering to help high school aged homosexuals repent by praying with them. Their presence resulted in the traffic being blocked, the police being called, and students unable to get to class on time. A few weeks ago, during one of their most recent demonstration, a student was physically assaulted by a demonstrator who was later arrested for physical assault.

Through letters to the editor, special "My Turn" columns, etc. it became evident the community was concerned about two main issues. First, the community was shocked to think that people who were not even residents of the city felt it appropriate to express publicly such obvious hate speech. Second, the community expressed its disapproval of the Mountain Democrat paper accepting money to publish ads that were factually wrong (gay men are pedophiles etc.), and that clearly were intended to marginalize and debase Placerville's Gay and Lesbian community. During this time, Mountain Democrat editor, Michael Rafferty defended the paper's decision to publish these ads by talking about freedom of speech issues, and felt those who were offended by the ads were only offended because they had a different opinion. When asked, he did not think the ads contained hate speech.

The papers decision to continue to profit from what the community considered hate speech inspired gay business owners to organize a letter writing campaign and a quiet boycott of the paper. Later Rafferty announced in a commentary attached to a GayMarriageNo.org. editorial, "We feel that after 5 weeks of





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ads from GayMarriageNo.Org, that Mr. Otterstad has had a full measure of free speech in the advertising columns of the Mountain Democrat.”

A few weeks ago GayMarriageNo.org resurfaced and is now appearing most frequently on a HWY 50 overpass with a banner stating, “Homosexuality is a Sin”. They have added a “businesses to boycott in El Dorado County, which contains a list of gay owned or gay friendly businesses. They also appeared at the community’s Martin Luther King Jr. Candle lighting ceremony and peace march, organized by members of the local PFLAG chapter.

The City Council has met in closed session to discuss threatened litigation from GayMarriageNo.org individuals. El Dorado County Chamber Chief Executive Officer, Laura Brent-Baumb stated, that her office is flooded with emails, phone calls and people coming in to complain about the negative impression this group is giving the city.

Members of the local PFLAG chapter, the Round Table on Human Rights, City Mayor and Council Members, concerned citizens, church leaders, police and members of the Gay/Lesbian communities, have participated in discussions to develop the best unified response. City Police Chief George Nielsen strongly encouraged the community to stage counter protests. Two such rallies took place on February 6th and February 13th from 2-5 pm with hundreds of people attending to show that hate will not be tolerated. The City Council has issued a proclamation condemning hate speech and those that speak it. Additionally, specific outreach to gay people in other areas inviting them to come to Placerville as well as education ads in the Mountain Democrat high lighting real acts of discrimination experienced by Gays and Lesbians throughout the country.

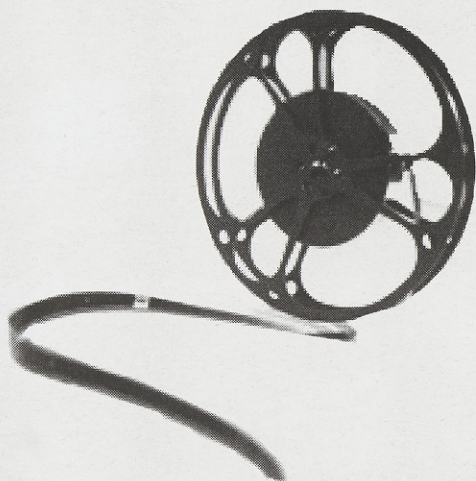
Anthony Granados, vice president of the Main Street Business Association and Gay business owner commented, “It’s really unfortunate this small group of so called Christians is giving people such a bad impression of our community. Over the last decade so many gay people have moved here, opened stores and have had such a positive impact on the community and Main Street in particular. The members of this community have been so incredibly supportive and appreciative. They see what gay people can do to revitalize a main street. What truly needs to happen now is for members of the greater gay and lesbian community to come to Placerville. The best message we can send to these anti-gay bigots is to show them the only thing their hate speech will bring is more and more gays and lesbians visiting Placerville.” ▼





# Out On Film

By Stefan Gruenwedel  
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## Million Dollar Baby

Starring Hilary Swank, Clint Eastwood, and Morgan Freeman.  
Directed by Clint Eastwood.  
(Rated PG-13, 132 min.)



Hilary Swank stars as a boxer with a great smile and muscles to match in Clint Eastwood's "Million Dollar Baby."

## A Fighting Irish

It would be interesting to go to a film festival devoted to boxing movies. There's much inherent drama in them, and the action is up close and deeply personal, not diffused by teammates as in other movies about sports. The energy onscreen is visceral too: No one likes to be hit and it's easy to flinch when you see someone taking a blow. If you were to watch a dozen boxing movies, you'd see a dozen different stories unfold. But all of them would touch upon similar themes: triumph, defeat, and, ultimately, survival.

Filmed in stark tones with slow camera moves and frequent use of dissolves between scenes, *Million Dollar Baby* starts off as an engaging drama that covers familiar ground for a sports-related movie, but then veers unexpectedly just to show that life is unpredictable. In the end, it's not a boxing movie at all.

**Frankie Dunn (Clint Eastwood)** likes to play things safe. "Protect yourself" is his motto and he makes sure that the boxers he trains live by that rule. Problem is, playing it safe is not the surest way to win

championships. The gym he runs with his longtime friend, Scrap (**Morgan Freeman**), sees a lot of talent come and go. When it walks in the door, Frankie nourishes it and channels it in all the right places. But when it's all grown up and ready to join the real world, Frankie plays it too safe for his boxers' sake. He's of course protecting himself from reliving some pain that he and Scrap suffered years ago when an unwinnable fight lasted far too long for anyone's good. For the young men who want to prove themselves in real competition, Frankie is too much of a hindrance.

Then one day in walks **Maggie Fitzgerald (Hilary Swank)**, a late bloomer of a boxer (she's 31) whose trailer-trash past has given her little future to dream about except one: boxing—a passion she's had since she was little. Although she's as cocky and determined as the guys in the gym, she has an additional battle to fight: Frankie's reluctance to admit her as his trainee. The reason is simple: He doesn't train girls. She perseveres, however, and eventually he agrees to train her—but only if she agrees not to

remind him she's a girl.

Naturally, a bond forms between Frankie and Maggie—one that's centered around boxing and that transcends it as well. Their relationship echoes the friendship he enjoys with Scrap, one that has survived disappointments as well as successes, and which endures despite their differences. (Frankie reads Yeats and learns Gaelic, for instance, while Scrap reads comic books.)

Maggie is something else. She's a quick learner and an avid practitioner, despite having to spend the rest of her time waitressing at a diner. Under Frankie's careful tutelage, she progresses slowly from bout to bout, often winning them before the first round is up. She's not being challenged enough and it's only a matter of time before she'll need to find better-skilled opponents.

Unfortunately, fighting in the big league means taking big risks, not all of which are necessarily worth it—especially when one's life is on the line.

If *Million Dollar Baby* were solely a boxing movie, then things would play out differently

than they do, because otherwise there wouldn't be much of a boxing story to tell. It's not, however; it's a love story that's tinged with bittersweet memories, dark moments, and uninvited challenges.

Eastwood plays Frankie as a tough guy with something deeply personal to atone for. True to form, he's a man of little words; he chooses what he says carefully—and means what he says. But he also shows moments of humor. When he needs to, his heart opens to accept someone else.

Swank is amazing as Maggie. Whereas Eastwood looks like Eastwood—only older with each passing year, it seems—Swank acts like a real boxer whose muscles develop over the course of the movie and whose footwork becomes ever more deft. Not surprisingly, she did all her own fighting during shooting without any need for a stuntwoman or body double.

Frankie sees in Maggie the daughter he lost long ago after some rift that's never explained. And, of course, Maggie sees a surrogate father in Frankie. This is somewhat conventional stuff,

as stories go, but it's rendered affectionately and convincingly here.

Sometimes a character's backstory is best left unexplained. Things slow a bit when Maggie visits her rural, trailer-living family. They are a real piece of work, unable to regard her in any positive light because they think she lives so unconventionally. Presumably this means being unmarried and childless, and earning an income. Within seconds we hear about her mom being on welfare and an in-law due out of prison soon. It's a bit much for the sake of fleshing out a character's background but it does help to explain where Maggie comes from and why she cannot go back.

This detour does not mar the film, however. In the end, there's enough sentimentality to keep one emotionally invested in the characters, yet not too much to become trite or ridiculous.

*Million Dollar Baby* plays at Century Downtown Plaza 7, Century Stadium 14, and Regal Cinemas Natomas Marketplace. Info: [www.milliondollarbabymovie.net](http://www.milliondollarbabymovie.net). ▼



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to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered.

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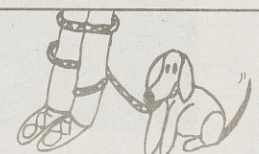
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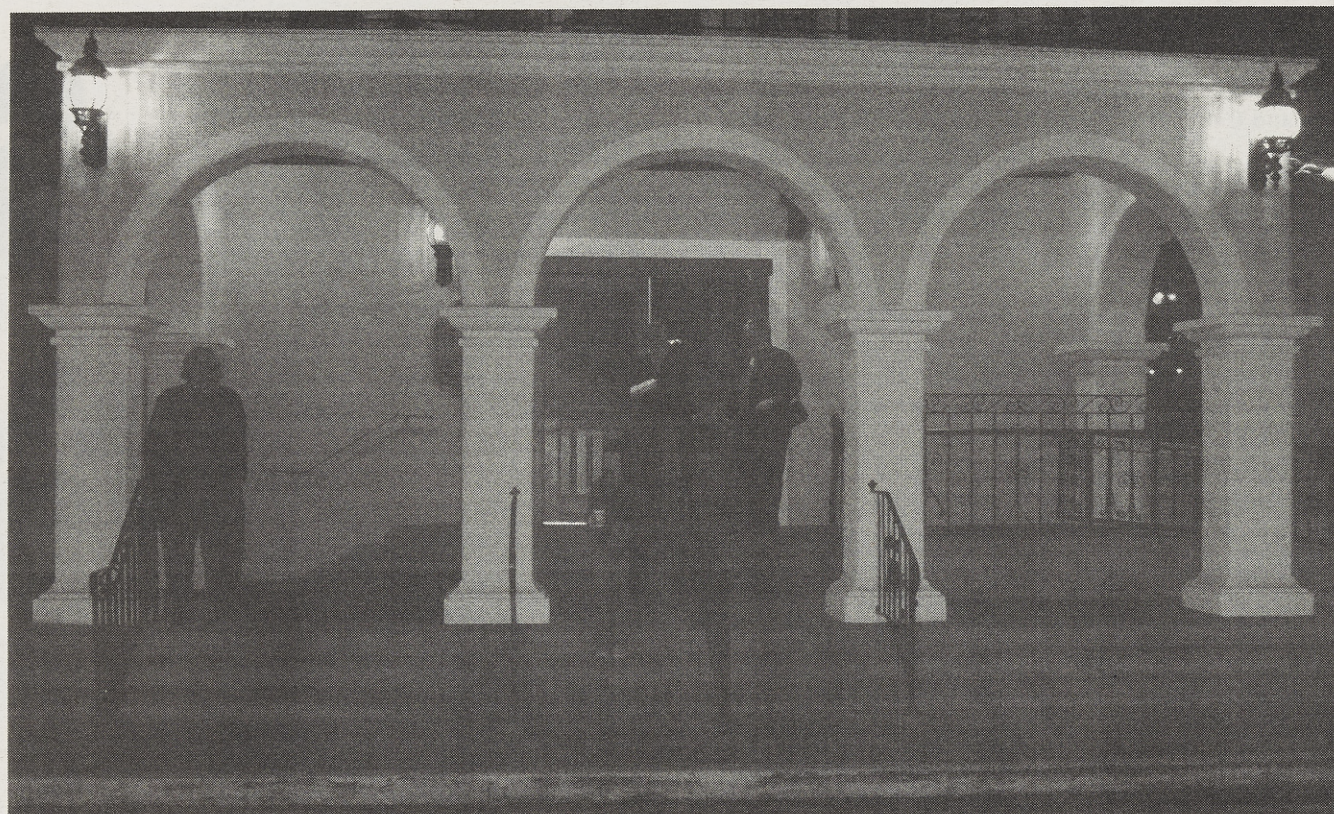
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I tried the Chicken Quesadilla with the Mexican Caesar Salad on the side, a selection from the Pronto Lunch menu. Served from 11 am till 2 pm, the Pronto Lunch does a good job of serving you Pronto, and the prices range from \$6.79 to \$9.99. The

quesadilla was pretty tasty. It was cut in five fat wedges, stuffed with chunks of chicken, melted cheese, juicy chopped tomatoes, and crisp green onions, it was served with generous dollops of sour cream and a wonderfully chunky, fresh guacamole. The Mexican Caesar Salad was made of fresh, very crisp romaine, topped with chopped tomatoes, crisp tortilla strips, cotija cheese, roasted pepitas, El Torito's wonderful homemade Cilantro-Pepita Dressing, and fresh ground pepper. No matter how often I go to El Torito, I always have the Mexican Caesar Salad. I'm in love with that dressing, and after all, February is the month for love, isn't it?

Unlike most Mexican restaurant fair, I didn't have to adjust the seasoning (I grew up with the real thing.) There was something in the ample menu offerings for all taste buds, so it's a good place to bring a date who's hard to please, like me. And if you want to offer your date a little spicy romantic entertainment, order the Fresh Tableside Guacamole, and enjoy the performance as your server whips up a fresh and

fabulous dish of perfectly ripe avocados, diced Serrano chilies, tomatoes, onions, lime, and special herbs and spices on the spot, to your heat specifications. And then the "spicy" part; you lick it off each other's fingers!

On my next visit I brought my friend Cher and her daughter Jasmine, who came in very handy, as the staff wouldn't let me order off of the Little Amigo's Meals, even though I explained to them that I can be quite childish under the right circumstances (as in "with the slightest provocation.") The Little Amigo's Meals, with 7 creatively varied selections that cost a mere \$4.49, include mini-nachos, a choice of 2 sides (including fresh fruit), and an ice cream Sunday for dessert. Do you ever wish you could be a child again? The darn kid slapped my hands three times to keep me away from her cheese nachos, which, as a purist, I prefer over the gussied-up, goopy, piled-high variety most restaurants offer, and most patrons seem to prefer.

Jasmine tried the Cabo Cheese Quesadilla, with sides of rice

and fries (I remember the good old days when I could go carb loading and get away with it...sigh.) While she enjoyed the quesadilla and the fries, she didn't think much of the rice, which I thought was okay. Cher tried the Empanaditas, from Chef Pepe's Best Regional Menu. They were three little crispy fried turnovers, one stuffed with veggies, one with steak, and one with chicken. While she liked the chicken and steak versions (unusual for her, as she is not much of a flesh eater), she didn't like the veggie one, and gave it to me. I thought it was quite tasty myself. The little Empanadas were topped with Pico de Gallo, Crema Fresca, and Cotija cheese. Her main complaint was that they got soggy fairly quickly, which could be remedied by serving them on a bed of those crispy tortilla strips instead of being laid directly on the plate, and by serving the toppings on the side.

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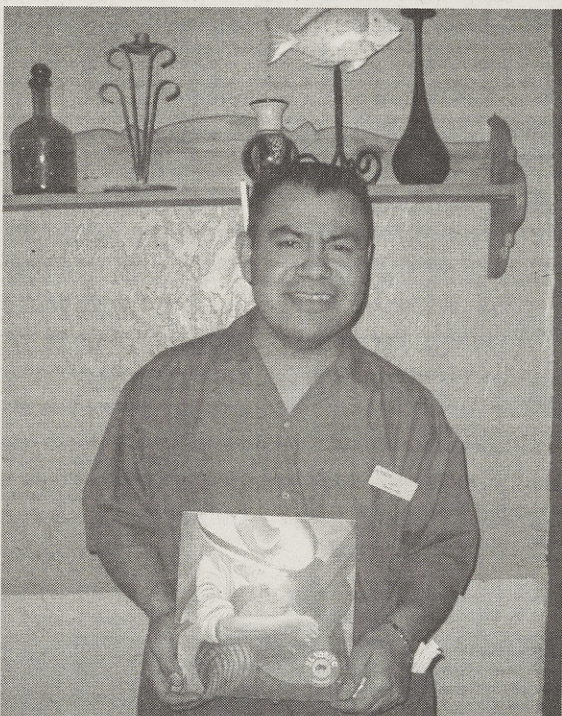
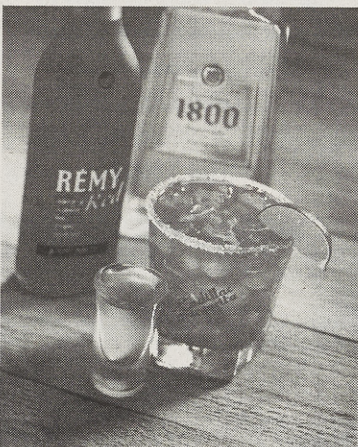
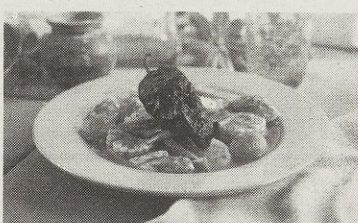
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Our server, Lupe, was terrific

tempting desserts. I had the a la carte Chile Relleno, which was excellent, my must-have Mexican Caesar Salad, and El Torito's sublime Sweet Corn Cake, which I sometimes order in bulk and eat slowly with my eyes closed. (Okay, so I'm an addict, but I can stop any time I want. If there's a Sweet Corn Cake 12-step meeting, I'm not interested.) Having never brought a child to El Torito before, and thus never moving beyond the eye-catching margarita menu, I was quite happy to discover that El Torito carries Pepsi products. I've been known to choose a restaurant based on what brand of cola they serve. I'm sorry, all you Coca Cola fans, but Pepsi just tastes better. If you

don't agree, I invite you to send a 12 page argument to me at the MGW office, and I will promptly address your concerns sometime during the next six or eight months.

Our server, Lupe, was terrific. He was on top of everything, popping up just when we needed him, handling our bill promptly and bringing us take-out trays for our leftovers without having to be asked. At his charismatic prompting, we ordered dessert, and while Jasmine enjoyed the chocolate Sunday that came with her Little Amigo's Meal, Cher and I both enjoyed the Deep Fried Ice Cream. A delicious exercise in culinary decadence, we savored the big scoop of chocolate chip ice cream with

it's crunchy cinnamon-sugar coating, served with a chocolate drizzle, a dollop of whipped cream and some crunchy stuff that I couldn't really identify, but which tasted really good.

Would I go there again? Well duh! What do you think? We addicts must have our fix, after all! And with the location being across from Arden Fair Mall and close to the freeway, you can't lose. There are plenty of tables, and even on a Saturday night, we didn't have to wait very long. El Torito has a great take-out menu, happy hour, and does catering, banquets and events of all sizes, and you can customize your own buffets. Located at 1598 Arden Way, you can reach them at 916.927.95815. Buen provecho! ▼

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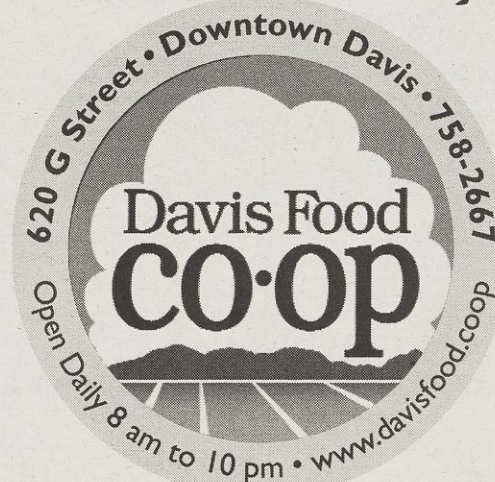
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# On The Health Front

## NorCal AIDS Challenge; Making Introductions

By Jim McCann

The Nor Cal AIDS Challenge is a fund raising cycling event for HIV/AIDS service agencies in Northern California. I'd like to introduce you to a member of the Nor Cal AIDS Challenge Organizing Committee. **Joaquin Feliciano** is an avid cyclist and has ridden in a number of AIDS cycling events. Joaquin heads up all our training rides. He lives and works in Davis. Joaquin has the following to say about our ride:

"I should start out by writing that the AIDS related cycling events are truly a wonderful, life-altering experience. There is nothing like spending an entire week with 1500+ new best friends all getting together to raise money to end the suffering caused by HIV/AIDS and to

build the kind of warm, loving community that most people only fantasize about. But for someone like me, who lives in Davis, there's always been a faint gray lining to that silver AIDS ride cloud. Traveling to and from the AIDS ride beginning city and end city always means additional traveling time and expenses, limited access to organized training rides, and the added burden of explaining to local donors why they should give me money when none of it benefits our own local communities.

Which are the main reasons I'm helping produce and will be riding in the very first Nor

Cal AIDS Challenge in May – a ride to raise money strictly for Central Valley HIV/AIDS organizations. It's ironic, really. The AIDS rides inspired me to think big and work toward making positive changes in the

***"It feels good to help people living with HIV and AIDS in our neck of the woods."***

world around me. In doing so, I realized that there are tons to accomplish in the fight against HIV/AIDS right here in my backyard. I don't have to travel out of town to contribute to the cause – I can do it right here and

help hundreds of other riders join the fight, too!

Since about June of 2003, I've been working with a group of dedicated HIV/AIDS activist and cycling enthusiast to make this ride a reality. And that has been an enormous learning experience. There's a big difference between being a participant in one of these events and actually helping to put one on. I think we're all learning that passion and dedication and

motivation can get you pretty far, but you still need a whole lot of sweat, tears, and work to get everything all done.

But I have to say it all feels really, really good. It feels good

to help people living with HIV and AIDS in our neck of the woods. It feels good to enable other cyclists and HIV/AIDS activists to turn their passion into funds raised and pedals stroked. It feels good to think about raising awareness and acceptance of HIV/AIDS in the small rural communities we'll be riding through. It feels good to think about riding through the Central Valley and along the Sacramento River in the springtime. And it feels great to be a part of this wonderful event coming to Northern California in May! I encourage everybody to visit our website at [www.norcalaidchallenge.org](http://www.norcalaidchallenge.org) and register to ride or crew, or to make a donation. It will feel good." ▼

NorCal AIDS CHALLENGE



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Wednesday, May 18 to  
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You're invited to join us on a journey to raise awareness and funds for the fight against HIV and AIDS in the inland northern California region. Whether you're a sponsor, cyclist, crew member, volunteer, or making a pledge, you'll be making a difference.

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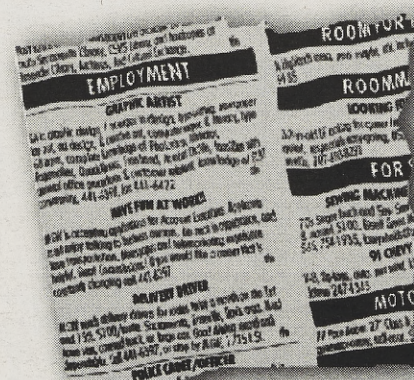
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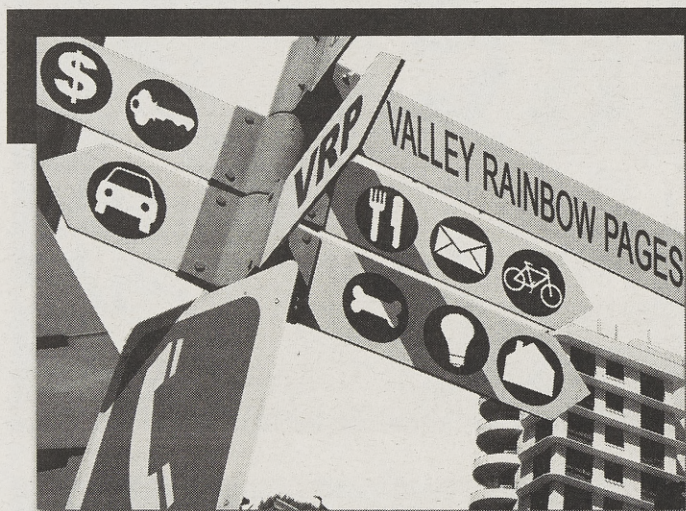
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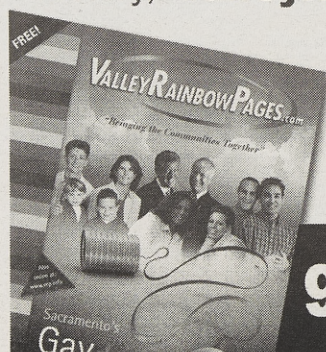
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Yerba Buena Center For Arts,  
San Francisco, [www.hrw.org](http://www.hrw.org)

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## 17 THURSDAY

**Coming Out Group**  
Wyndance Womyn's Center  
7pm, 973-2838, ext. 247

**East Coast Swing Dance,**  
7-8pm; **Ballroom Dance**  
8-9pm, La Sierra Community  
Center, Sierra Rooms 1 & 2,  
5325 Engle Road, Carmichael  
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**Sacramento Opera Fundraiser**  
6:30pm, Sacramento Grand  
Ballroom, 629 J St. 737-1000  
**Country Western Line Dance**

6-7pm - Beginning, 7:30-9pm  
Intermediate, Fair Oaks Club  
House, 7997 California Ave.,  
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## 18 FRIDAY

**16th Annual Western Regional  
LGBTQIA College Conference**  
University of California, Davis,  
One Shields Ave, Davis  
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## 20 SUNDAY

**West Sacramento Family Day,**  
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**Art of Puppetry** 1-3pm, Crocker  
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San Francisco, [www.hrw.org](http://www.hrw.org)

## 26 SATURDAY

**Old Sac Live**  
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**Sacramento Children's Home Guild**  
**Annual Crab Feed**

Portuguese Hall, 6676 Pocket Rd.  
454-3848

**Torch Club: Acoustic Trio**  
**Good Gravy** - 4:30pm,  
904 15th Street, [www.torchclub.net](http://www.torchclub.net)  
**Foothills Dance Party & Potluck**  
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[yubasutterpride@yahoo.com](mailto:yubasutterpride@yahoo.com)

## 27 SUNDAY

**International Film Festival,**  
Yerba Buena Center For Arts,  
San Francisco, [www.hrw.org](http://www.hrw.org)  
**Oscar Night America Party**  
**An Evening With Oscar**  
4pm, Hyatt Regency, Downtown  
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## Art Galleries

**20th Street Art Gallery**  
New Works By Bob Girasek; The  
Black And White Show, thru January  
29, 2005, High School Self Portrait  
Show, February 2 thru February 5,  
2005, People And Places, February 9  
thru March 5, 2005, 911 20th St., 930-  
0500, [www.20thstart.com](http://www.20thstart.com)  
**BAMPEA**  
Blind At The Museum, January 26  
thru July 24, 2005, MATRIX 214:  
Mark Manders The Absence of Mark  
Manders, February 6 thru April 10,  
2005, MATRIX 215: Althea Thauberger,  
A Memory Lasts Forever, February  
6th thru April 10, 2005, Drawn By  
Brush; Oil sketches by Peter Paul  
Rubens, March 2 thru May 15, 2005,  
MATRIX 216: Slater Bradley, April  
24 thru June 26, 2005, 2625 Durant  
Avenue #2250, Berkely, 510-642-0808  
**Chroma Gallery**  
Holiday Splendor, thru January 2005,  
Fair Oaks Cafe, thru April 2005,  
10030 Fair Oaks Blvd.,  
Fair Oaks, 966-6020  
[www.thechromagallery.com](http://www.thechromagallery.com)  
**Crocker Art Museum**

Edward Weston; Life Work, thru  
January 30, 2005, Neo Mod;  
Recent Northern California Ab-  
straction, thru January 30, 2005,  
The Crocker-Kingsley; Northern  
California's Biennial, January 29  
thru March 13, 2005, Watching The  
Sacramento Kings; Photographs  
by Vesna Pavlovic, January 29  
thru March 13, 2005, 216 O Street  
[www.crockerartmuseum.org](http://www.crockerartmuseum.org)  
**Exploding Head Gallery**  
The Geometry of Space, thru  
January 29, 2005, Peace Within The  
Noise, February 3rd thru February  
26, 2005, 924 12th St., 442-8424  
**Hang Art**  
Holiday Splendor, ongoing; Tjasa  
Owen, ongoing, 556 & 567 Sutter  
Street, SF 415-434-4264  
**Legion of Honor**  
Observations Of The Spirit; The  
Sketchbooks of Judith Clancy, 1950-  
1990, thru January 16, 2005; Bonjour  
Monsieur Courbet, January 22 thru  
April 3, 2005; Bouquets To Art, March 8  
thru March 11, 2005, 100 34th Ave., SF  
415-750-3614

**Pence Gallery**  
Hidden In Plain Site; Stellar Art from  
Area Collections, reception 5-9pm,  
February 4th, 212 D Street, Davis,  
(530) 758-3370  
**SF MOMA**  
Robert Bechtle; A Retrospective,  
February 12th thru June 5th, 2005,  
Roy Lichtenstein; All About Art,  
thru February 22, 2005; Glamour:  
Fashion, Industrial Design, Ar-  
chitecture, thru January 17, 2005,  
Belles Lettres, thru April 17, 2005,  
Double Feature: Mary Lucier &  
Gordon Matta-Clark, thru Janu-  
ary 23, 2005, New Work: Rachel  
Harrison, thru March 13, 2005, 151  
Third Street, SF, 415-357-4000  
**Solomon Dubnick**  
California Figurative, thru January  
29, 2005, Laura Hohlwein; Turning  
Over The World, Ronald Gibbons;  
Irresistible Vanities, February 3  
thru February 26, 2005, Contem-  
plating Realism, March 3 thru  
April 2, 2005; 2131 Northrop Ave.,  
920-4547



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